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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	<p>Application No. 10/710,654</p>	<p>Applicant(s) DEETER ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner Jeffrey C. Mullis</p>	<p>Art Unit 1796</p>	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 05 June 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☐ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
(a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
(b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
(c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
(d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
Claim(s) allowed: _____.
Claim(s) objected to: _____.
Claim(s) rejected: see FINAL rejection.
Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____.
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Jeffrey C. Mullis/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicants argue that the amine of Emmons would largely remove the functionality of Emmons oligomer which is required by the claims and argues that this is so since the amine is in gross excess. Firstly the DP of the oligomer of patentees' example 7 is well over 20 and would therefore require 20 amino functionalities per chain even if the reaction went to completion. However note that Emmons discloses the residual amine titer is 61 % of the original charge. Also there are only 3.5 amido groups created per chain vs. a DP of greater than 20 and hence only a minority of the original functionality is destroyed via reaction with amine. With regard to applicants' position regarding applicants Markush group, the Examiner agrees that Markush groups "consisting of" are closed as is well settled in law. The examiner also agrees that the term "consisting of" narrows a claim (with respect to the term that the term "consisting of" pertains) irregardless that comprising may appear elsewhere in the claim. Since applicants Markush group is closed applicants claims require that oligomer must contain epoxy, anhydride ester or carboxylic acid functionality since the requirements of the claims are closed. Open language such as "comprising" would open the Markush group such that the oligomer need not contain the 4 named monomers at all but instead could contain unnamed monomers to meet the claim limitations. Applicants' term "consisting of" is not recited to apply to the oligomer and does not recite for instance that the oligomer "consists of" the recited monomers but rather the limiting language applies to the recited Markush group. If applicants believe that monomeric units other than those explicitly recited (including amide units, ethylene or acrylonitrile etc) they are free to amend their claims in a continuing case to recite that the oligomer consists of specific units and delete the term "obtained from" in line 3 of claim 1 and elsewhere as "obtained from" does not exclude subsequent aminolysis. At present however such an amendment would require further consideration. It is not the examiners' position that any motivation in Klier arises from Kliers intended uses. .